

*Tuesday, February 9, 1999*

# *Daily Digest*

## Senate

### **Chamber Action**

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1385–S1410*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 393–396, and S. Res. 33. Page S1391

**Impeachment of President Clinton:** Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, continued consideration of the articles of impeachment against William Jefferson Clinton, President of the United States, taking the following action: Pages S1385–88

By 59 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 15), two-thirds of those Senators voting, a quorum being present, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the Lott motion to suspend Senate rules.

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By voice vote, Senate agreed to the Lott/Daschle motion to provide that any Senator may insert their final deliberations on the Articles of Impeachment during proceedings held in closed session in the Congressional Record at the conclusion of the trial.

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By 53 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 16), Senate agreed to the Lott motion to close the doors of the Senate Chamber. Pages S1387–88

Senate will continue to sit as a Court of Impeachment on Wednesday, February 10, 1999.

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Romania Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–7).

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**Messages From the President:**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—16). Pages S1386, S1388

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 1:05 p.m., and adjourned at 6:27 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, February 10, 1999.

### **Committee Meetings**

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### **APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded hearings on the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Dan Glickman, Secretary, Richard Rominger, Deputy Secretary, Keith Collins, Chief Economist, and Stephen B. Dewhurst, Budget Officer, all of the Department of Agriculture.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 257, to state the policy of the United States regarding the deployment of a missile defense capable of defending the territory of the United States against limited ballistic missile attack.

#### **NOMINATION**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Wayne O. Burkes, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Cochran, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

#### **YEAR 2000 COMPUTER PROBLEM**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee held hearings on S. 96, to regulate commerce between and among the several States by providing for the orderly resolution of disputes arising out of computer-based problems related to processing data that includes a 2-digit expression of that year's date, receiving testimony from Senators Bennett and Dodd; Marshall N. Carter, State Street Corporation, Boston, Massachusetts; Thomas J. Donohue, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Don Gilbert, National Retail Federation, and Anthony T. Pierce, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer, and Feld, all of Washington, D.C.; Mark Yarsike, Produce Palace, Bingham Farms, Michigan; Robert Courtney, Pennsauken, New Jersey; and Howard L. Nations, Houston, Texas.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded hearings on general revenue financing of Social Security, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; Edward M. Gramlich, Member, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, on behalf of the 1994–1996 Quadrennial Advisory Council on Social Security; David S. Koitz, Legislative Specialist, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Robert Greenstein, Center on

Budget and Policy Priorities, and C. Eugene Steuerle, Urban Institute, both of Washington, D.C.

**ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT**

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds to extend programs and activities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, after receiving testimony from Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education.

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## House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Bills Introduced:** 30 public bills, H.R. 630–659; 1 private bill, H.R. 660; and 10 resolutions, H.J. Res. 25–28, H. Con. Res. 26, and H. Res. 45–49 were introduced.

Pages H537–38

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 42, providing for consideration of H.R. 391, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements, to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses (H. Rept. 106–13);

H. Res. 43, providing for consideration of H.R. 436, to reduce waste, fraud, and error in Government programs by making improvements with respect to Federal management and debt collection practices, Federal payment systems, Federal benefit programs (H. Rept. 106–14);

H. Res. 44, providing for consideration of H.R. 437, to provide for a Chief Financial Officer in the Executive Office of the President (H. Rept. 106–15).

Pages H536–37

**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Sweeney to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:05 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

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**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

**National Drug Control Strategy:** Message wherein he transmits his 1999 National Drug Control Strategy—referred to the Committees on the Judiciary, Agriculture, Armed Services, Banking and Financial Services, Commerce, Education and the Workforce, Government Reform, International Relations, Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans Affairs, and Ways and Means; and

Pages H488–89

**Agreement Between the United States and Romania re Nuclear Energy:** Message wherein he transmits his proposed agreement for cooperation between the United States and Romania concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–13).

Pages H489–90

**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:20 p.m. and reconvened at 5:16 p.m.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following bills:

**Packers and Stockyards Act:** H.R. 169, amended, to amend the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to expand the pilot investigation for the collection of information regarding prices paid for the procurement of cattle and sheep for slaughter and of muscle cuts of beef and lamb to include swine and muscle cuts of swine;

Pages H490–92

**Microloan Program Corrections:** H.R. 440, amended, to make technical corrections to the Microloan Program (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 411 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 12);

Pages H492–94, H524–25

**Paperwork Elimination Act of 1999:** H.R. 439, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Paperwork Reduction Act, to minimize the burden of Federal paperwork demands upon small businesses, educational and nonprofit institutions, Federal contractors, State and local governments, and other persons through the sponsorship and use of alternative information technologies (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 13); and

Pages H494–96, H525

**Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act:** H.R. 435, to make miscellaneous and technical changes to various trade laws (passed by a yeas and nays vote of 414 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 14).

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**In Memory of R. Scott Bates:** The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 6, that as a mark of respect to the

memory of R. Scott Bates, Legislative Clerk of the United States Senate, all flags of the United States located on Capitol Buildings or on the Capitol grounds shall be flown at half-staff on the day of his interment.

Pages H526–27

**Authority of the Mayor of the District of Columbia:** The House passed H.R. 433, to restore the management and personnel authority of the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H483.

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered pursuant to the rule appear on pages H539–40.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H524–25, H525, and H525–26. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AFRICA—AMERICA'S STAKE IN TRADE AND INVESTMENT

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on America's stake in trade and investment in Africa. Testimony was heard from Rosa Whitaker, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, Africa, and public witnesses.

### COMMUNITY PROTECTION AND HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION ACT

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the Community Protection and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Barry T. Hill, Associate Director, Resources Community and Economic Development Division, GAO; Larry Payne, Assistant Deputy State and Private Forestry, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

### SMALL BUSINESS PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT AMENDMENTS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 391, Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments of 1999. The rule waives section 303 of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new budget authority or contract authority for a fiscal year until the budget resolution for that fiscal year has been agreed to) against the consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce votes to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one

motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Burton and Representatives Horn, McIntosh, Kucinich and Turner.

### PRESIDENTIAL AND EXECUTIVE OFFICE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 437, Presidential and Executive Office Financial Accountability Act of 1999. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce votes to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Burton and Representatives Horn, McIntosh, Kucinich and Turner.

### GOVERNMENT WASTE, FRAUD AND ERROR REDUCTION ACT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 436, Government Waste, Fraud and Error Reduction Act of 1999. The rule waives section 303 of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new budget authority or contract authority for a fiscal year until the budget resolution for that fiscal year has been agreed to) against the consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows for the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce votes to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Burton and Representatives Horn, McIntosh, Kucinich and Turner.

### COMMITTEE BUDGET AND OVERSIGHT PLANS

*Committee on Rules:* Committee approved its budget for 1999 and 2000 and adopted its Oversight plans for the 106th Congress.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings on United States Trade Agreements compliance focusing on international

dispute settlement and domestic enforcement measures, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: business meeting to consider committee's rules of procedure for the 106th Congress, and their subcommittee assignments, 11 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*: to hold hearings on Department of Labor budget initiatives, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*: to hold hearings on the nomination of Montie R. Deer, of Kansas, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, to continue to meet for organizational purposes; to approve the Committee's Oversight Plan for the 106th Congress; to consider the following bills: H.R. 17, Selective Agricultural Embargoes Act of 1999; and H.R. 609, to amend the Export Apple and Pear Act to limit the applicability of the Act to apples; and to hold a hearing to review livestock prices, 10:00 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Agriculture, 1:00 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on European Command, 10:00 a.m., and, executive, on U.S. Central Command, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Forest Service, 10:00 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on Secretary of Health and Human Services, 10:00 a.m., and on Health Care Financing Administration, 2:00 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative, on Members of Congress, Library of Congress, CBO, and outside witnesses, 1:30 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, on Members of Congress and public witnesses, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services*, hearing on H.R. 10, Financial Services Act of 1999, 10:00 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on H.R. 45, Nuclear Waste Policy Act, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing on Internet Posting of Chemical "Worst-Case" Scenarios: A Roadmap for Terrorists? 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to markup the following bills: H.R. 514, Wireless Privacy Enhancement Act of 1999; and H.R. 438, Wireless Communications and Public Safety Act of 1999, 4 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, to markup the following: Committee Funding request; Oversight Plan for the 106th Congress; and H.R. 221, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to permit certain youth to perform certain work with wood products, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, hearing on Waste and Fraud in Federal Government Programs, 10:00 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, to consider pending business, 1:30 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on International Relations*, hearing on U.S. Role in Kosovo, 10:00 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Challenges in U.S.-Asia Policy, 1:30 p.m., 2172, Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Aviation, to continue hearings on the financial needs of airports, the FAA, and the aviation system, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, Hazardous Materials and Pipeline Transportation, hearing on reauthorizing the Hazardous Materials Transportation Program, 10:00 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to meet for organizational purposes, 1:30 p.m., and to hold a hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for fiscal year 2000, 2:00 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Human Resources, to markup H.R. 545, SSI Fraud Prevention Act of 1999, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the Annual Report of the Internal Revenue Service National Taxpayer Advocate, 2:30 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, to continue hearings on the impacts of the current social security system, 1:30 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 10

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue to sit as a Court of Impeachment to consider the articles of impeachment against President Clinton.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 10

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Continue consideration of H.R. 350, Mandates Information Act of 1999 and consideration of S. Con. Res. 7, honoring the life and legacy of King Hussein ibn Talal al-Hashem.

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